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In re Appln. Of: OOHASHI et al.  
Appln. Serial No.: 10/599,609  
Filed: October 3, 2006  
For: PHOTODIODE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING SAME  
Confirmation No.: 1581  
DOCKET: NEC 05P015

Commissioner for Patents  
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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants attach a copy of the PCT International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated October 19, 2006 and Translation of the Written Opinion of the related PCT patent application. Applicants are not submitting copies of the references as they are already of record in this case. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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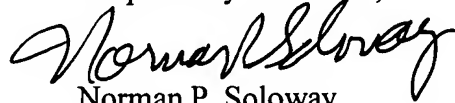
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knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of a PCT Preliminary Report on Patentability and Translation of the Written Opinion in a related PCT application in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a PCT patent application on related subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of PCT Examiner or the claims of the PCT application under the laws of the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the PCT Examiner's comments submitted therewith.

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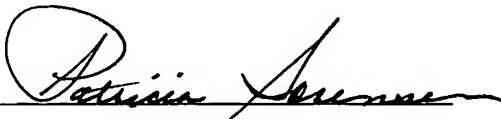
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Invention:

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